

Fig. 3A is a diagram showing example data stored in personal information DB;

Fig. 3B is a diagram showing example data stored in registered retail store DB;

Fig. 4 is a flowchart showing the member registration processing;

Fig. 5 is a diagram showing an example virtual town (before member registration);

Fig. 6 is a diagram showing an example virtual town (after member registration);

Fig. 7 is a flowchart showing the transaction processing; and

Fig. 8 is a flowchart showing the point value reference processing.--

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct typographical errors in the specification as originally-filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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